

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council

## 3b. GSA Committee No.

2057

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

01/06/2017

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

01/06/2019

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

5 U.S.C. Appendix

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

## 13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 1

### Purpose

Administrative/information sharing meeting.

### Start

02/27/2018

### End

- 02/27/2018

## Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$13,782.00	\$45,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$983.00	\$8,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$765.00	\$3,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$282.00	\$1,500.00

<b>18d. Total</b>	\$15,812.00	\$57,500.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.10	0.15

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Idaho Falls District RAC provides representative citizen counsel and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's designated Federal officer concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the geographic area of the BLM's Idaho Falls District. The RAC develops recommendations for the BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans for the public lands and resources within the jurisdiction of the RAC. This requires the RAC to gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public testimony, and ascertain facts relating to the issues.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Idaho Falls Resource Advisory Council is composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development; Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups; Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

In FY 2018, the Idaho Falls District RAC conducted a single administrative/information sharing meeting.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Idaho Falls District RAC is an essential part of the public outreach of the BLM's-Idaho Falls District. It assists in various projects that require the views and opinions of the public, such as in National Environmental Policy Act analysis and resource management planning. The BLM's Idaho Falls District RAC supports the mission of the BLM by providing feedback on critical issues facing natural resources. The RAC has been most interested and useful on the issues of noxious weed management, off-highway vehicle

use, land use planning, threatened/endangered species management, and recreation fee review. In addition, the group has provided solid problem-solving advice to sensitive issues reoccurring throughout all four field offices.

## **20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public.

## **21. Remarks**

The Idaho Falls RAC is actively engaged in multiple issues affecting the District and continually provide solid and helpful insight in solving challenging issues.

## **Designated Federal Officer**

Mary D'Aversa BLM-Idaho Falls District District Manager

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Bauchman, Stephen	10/29/2013	01/18/2020	Contractor/Rancher	Representative Member
Beaupre, Adam	01/29/2016	01/29/2019	Outfitter and Guide	Representative Member
Christensen, Morris	01/29/2016	01/29/2019	Outdoor Recreation Planner at Brigham Young University	Representative Member
Colter, Chad	10/01/2008	03/16/2018	Fish & Wildlife Director, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	Representative Member
Goode, Jon	03/16/2015	01/18/2020	Agrium Phosphate Manager - Special Projects	Representative Member
Mende, Jim	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Idaho Dept. Of Fish and Game	Representative Member
Prouty, Alan	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Vice President of Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs for J.R. Simplot Company	Representative Member
Radford, Dave	01/29/2016	01/29/2019	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Raymond, Jerald	03/16/2015	03/16/2018	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Schutte, William	01/29/2016	01/29/2019	Retired	Representative Member
Smith, Becky	01/29/2016	01/29/2019	Executive Director of Oregon Trail Center	Representative Member
Stuart, Charles (Chuck)	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Retired - Engineer	Representative Member
Tigert, Coby	03/16/2015	03/16/2018	Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	Representative Member
Wixom, Ken	03/16/2015	03/16/2018	Rancher	Representative Member
Woodard, Matthew	11/14/2011	03/16/2018	Executive Director, Trout Unlimited	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

## **Narrative Description**

The BLM's Idaho Falls District RAC supports the mission of the BLM by providing feedback on critical issues facing natural resources. The RAC has been most interested and useful on the issues of noxious weed management, off-highway vehicle use, land use planning, threatened/endangered species management, and recreation fee review. The BLM's Idaho Falls District RAC supports the mission of the BLM by providing feedback on critical issues facing natural resources.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

N/A

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Cost Savings Comments**

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Idaho Falls District RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM and have likely resulted in reduced litigation through public outreach efforts.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

85

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

No recommendations were provided in FY 2018.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

All recommendations previously made by the RAC have been fully implemented

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

N/A

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The BLM provides updates and feedback in scheduled quarterly meetings by the Idaho Falls District Manager and field office managers. The RAC coordinator also provides feedback via email and phone calls, as well as during the meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

N/A

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other

**Access Comments**

The BLM provides email updates, news releases, and other information to the RAC members.